Self Employment Scheme

6487. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have initiated action for reorientation of self employment schemes following the dereservation of 14 SSI items;

(b) if so, progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) the details of schemes formulated/finalised and broad features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) The Government has set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Member, Planning Commission to review and rationalise Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Poverty Alleviation and Employment Generation.

(b) and (c) The Committee has recommended streamlining the existing schemes and rationalisation of norms and procedures for their implementation. The Committee has since submitted its report to the Government.

Electrical Packages by BHEL

6488. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. has emerged as sole supplier of electrical packages to the Indian Railways for EMU;

(b) if so, the deatils thereof;

(c) whether BHEL has also supplied such units to foreign countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total foreign exchange earned during the last three years by BHEL on exports of its goods and by contract separately ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Amongst Indian Companies Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) is presently the sole supplier of Electrical Packages to the Indian Railways for Electrical Multiple Units (EMUs).

(b) The details of the Electrical Packages supplied by BHEL to Indian Railways till March'97 are as under :

	Type of EMU	Nos.
(i)	25000 Volts AC Broad Gauge EMUs inclusive of Main Line ENUs.	827 sets
(ii)	1500 Volts DC Broad Gauge EMUs	322 sets
(iii)	25000 Volts AC Meter Gauge EMUs	25 sets

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) Question does not arise.

Production of Soft Coke

6489. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Fuel Research Institute, Dhanbad has designed ovens which can produce soft coke with low investment and environment friendly;

(b) whether these ovens require coals of Grade D which are available in plenty in the mines of BCCL; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide coal of Grade D for setting up soft coke plant based on the technology developed by CFRI, Dhanbad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. Central Fuel Research Institute (CFRI) has developed a design for ovens for soft coke production which is environmentally friendly and has low investment cost.

(b) Any non-coking/weakly coking coals (Steam) Grade 'C/D', Washery Grade-III, Washery Grade-IV coking coals having caking index 6 to 10 can be used in the ovens for soft coke production. These types of coal are available in the mines of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) and Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL).

(c) As per information received from CFRI, CFRI has entered into agreement with 17 entrepreneurs for giving them licence for manufacturing soft coke by technology developed by CFRI. So far only one entrepreneur M/s Hill Briquette Industries (HBI), Dhanbad has setup ovens on CFRI technology. CFRI has recommended coal linkage for this unit after joint inspection by Coal India Ltd. (CIL) and CFRI. In April '97 the plant of M/s Hill Briquette Industries (HBI), Dhanbad which has been setup on CFRI design after obtaining approval of Department of Industry, Government of Bihar and No objection certificate from Bihar State Pollution Control Board was inspected. The performance of the ovens was found satisfactory. Based on the